

CLAIMS

1. An article for the release of a plurality of vapours, the article containing:
- 5 a first liquid or solid phase comprising a first vaporisable agent;
- a second liquid or solid phase comprising a second vaporisable agent;
- 10 and a third phase which constitutes a barrier between the first and second phases;
- wherein the first and second phases are such that if placed in contact with each other one phase or one or more component thereof would mix or migrate into the other phase;
- 15 and wherein the article is such that, in use, initially vaporisation of the first agent commences, and subsequently vaporisation of the second agent commences, the commencement of vaporisation of the second agent being delayed by the third phase.
- 20 2. An article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first phase is adapted to evaporate substantially completely.
3. An article as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the second phase is
- 25 adapted to evaporate substantially completely.
4. An article as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the first phase is a liquid.
- 30 5. An article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the first phase is a gel.

6. An article as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the second phase is a liquid.

7. An article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the first phase is a
5 gel.

8. An article as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the third phase is a liquid.

10 9. An article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 7, wherein the third phase is a gel.

10. An article as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the article comprises an enclosure having a partition wall between the first phase and the
15 second phase at the commencement of use of the article, the partition wall terminating above the bottom wall of the enclosure, the third phase being at the bottom of the enclosure, wherein the lower edge of the partition wall extends into the third phase at the commencement of use of the article.

20 11. An article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 9, wherein the article comprises a enclosure having two upright limbs connected together, wherein at the commencement of use the first phase is located in one limb, the second phase is located in the other limb and the third phase is located therebetween.

25 12. An article as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein at least one of the first and second phases comprises as an evaporable agent a fragrance.

13. An article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 11 wherein at least one of the first and second phases comprises as an evaporable agent a compound
30 selected from an insecticide, insect repellent, miticide or anti-allergenic compound.

14. An article as claimed in any preceding claim where the third phase comprises a third evaporable agent.

5 15. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the third phase is a liquid or gel whose volume reduces when exposed to air.

10 16. A method of dispensing at least two active agents, using an article as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the commencement of evaporation of the first evaporable agent precedes the commencement of evaporation of the second evaporable agent.

15 17. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein evaporation of the second evaporable agent commences substantially at the point at which evaporation of the first evaporable agent is complete.

18. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein evaporation of the second evaporable agent commences before evaporation of the first evaporable agent is complete.

20 19. An article substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

20. A method of dispensing vapours, the method being substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.